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WENTZ'S KNEE INJURY

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The quarterback's ACL tear will cost him the rest of the season. The big question: Can the Birds recover?

Carson Wentz leaves the field after injuring his left knee against the Rams in Los Angeles. He remained in the game for four plays after suffering the injury. The league MVP candidate will undergo surgery in the coming days. WALLY SKALIJ / Los Angeles Times

By Zach Berman
STAFF WRITER

The Eagles' worst fear was realized when an MRI exam Monday confirmed that quarterback Carson Wentz suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during Sunday's 43-35 win over the Los Angeles Rams.

Wentz will miss the remainder of the season and postseason and will require surgery. Although no timetable was provided, the recovery will extend through the offseason and possibly into next season. Coach Doug Pederson said he was not told of any other ligament damage in the knee.

The nightmarish news came during what has been a dreamlike season for the Eagles. They have the NFL's best record at 11-2 and now will turn to veteran backup Nick Foles as the starting quarterback for the final three games of the season and the playoffs.

"The reason we went out to get Nick Foles is for reasons like this," Pederson said. "I'm excited for Nick, obviously. I hate it for Carson Wentz. I hate it for the season he's been having. But at the same time, it's been the 'next man up' mentality, and that's how we approach it."

Wentz, a bona fide MVP candidate this

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No guarantees that star will ever be same again

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LOS ANGELES — Beyond the far corner of the end zone and up the tunnel to the tiny locker rooms of the Memorial Coliseum, the scene on Sunday evening went from light to darkness just like that. It was a real sunset over the west wall of the stadium, on the wide ocean beyond, and a symbolic one for a team that had just won a battle but lost a larger war at the same time.

The players eventually emerged one by one wearing their NFC East party hats. Some league-affiliated sponsor had paid for them to be worn and, fallen quarterback or no, the Eagles were going to come out of the locker room wearing them. The business of the NFL grinds on even as its participants are ground down by it.

Jason Kelce walked into the concrete corridor and was asked what he knew about the condition of Carson Wentz. His eyes shifted around as he considered the answer.

"I don't know if anything's been released yet or what," Kelce said.

It isn't the place for a center to tell the world that the quarterback has torn his anterior cruciate ligament and the team's hopes for a championship had probably been

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Eagles fan Eric Glenn of Horsham (center) reacts to the Wentz injury at Xfinity Live in South Philadelphia. ELIZABETH ROBERTSON / Staff Photographer

SUBWAY EXPLOSION

Bomber hurts self, 3 others in NYC

Attempted terror attack on the subway, inspired by ISIS, sends terrified commuters fleeing through a smoky passageway.

By Colleen Long
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A man inspired by Islamic State extremists strapped on a crude pipe bomb, slipped unnoticed into the nation's busiest subway system and set the device off at rush hour Monday in a scenario that New York has dreaded for years, authorities said.

In the end, the only serious wounds were to the suspect himself, Akayed Ullah, a 27-year-old Bangladeshi immigrant and former cabdriver, authorities said. But the attack sent terrified commuters fleeing through a smoky passageway, and three people suffered headaches and ringing ears from the first bomb blast in the subway in more than two decades.

"This was an attempted terrorist attack," Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio told reporters. "Thank God the perpetrator did not achieve his ultimate goals."

The attack near Times Square came less than two months after eight people died near the World Trade Center in a truck attack that authorities said was also inspired by the Islamic State.

Law enforcement officials said Ullah was inspired by IS but apparently did not have any direct contact with the group and probably acted alone. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said there was no evidence, so far, of other bombs or a larger plot. He said officials were exploring whether Ullah had been on authorities' radar, but there was no indication yet that he was.

Cuomo said there was reason to believe the attacker looked at bomb-making instructions online.

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Akayed Ullah, a Bangladeshi immigrant, was arrested.

New York police and fire officials place the suspect into the back of an ambulance after an explosion near Times Square. CRAIG RUTTLE / Newsday

SPECIAL SENATE ELECTION

Decision day in Alabama

Roy Moore had the backing of President Trump, Stephen Bannon.

By Sean Sullivan and Michael Scherer
WASHINGTON POST

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — National political forces continued to buffet the contested Alabama Senate race Monday as the candidates prepare to make their final push in an off-year contest that has attracted more than $41 million in spending.

Former President Barack Obama and former Vice President Joe Biden recorded robocalls for Democrat Doug Jones, aiming to boost the party's turnout Tuesday.

President Trump has recorded a robocall to support Republican Roy Moore.

Meanwhile, a Republican national committeewoman

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Doug Jones got a boost from Sen. Cory Booker and other Democrats.

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